Spring's Freakish Modes Now Toned Down.

FLOWERS REPLACE PLUMES.

Still Newer Color Combinations in French Frocks.

Striped Linens Popular for the Tallered Ceat and Skirt Costumes-Studies in Gray and White-Marquisette Perhaps the Most Triumphant of the Summe Freek Materials-Contrasting Lining Effects-The Cleak One of the Most Delightful Features of the New Modes -Paris Takes Up Khaki Color.

The season of experiments is past and modes for the summer are gradually crystal-lizing into definite form. As usual, the radical departures have been toned down, have lost some of their aggressiveness. Their influence lingers, but the artists of dress have realized the failings as well as the possibilities in the new ideas, and the truly well dressed, while retaining the desirable elements of the new fashions, have frowned upon some of their extravagances.

In Paris, for example, the exaggerated bell or mushroom hat, demanding a coiffure of extraordinary proportions in order that the milliner's efforts may be properly supplemented, has to a great extent had its day. The cloche still prevails, but in more rational, less freakish form and succeed



SILE VOILE.

in being piquant and picturesque without being absurdly bizarre.

It is not set far back on the head, revealing a monumental structure of front hair and utterly obliterating the lines of hair, neck and shoulder in the back, after a fashion teo much in evidence earlier in the season; and though the back brims are still wider than the front brims, and the modish hats still have a backward tilt, showing a glimpse of the front hair, the hats worn by the most fashionable of Parisians at the spring social events are much more graceful and conservative than the first essays in spring millinery.

Summer hats are having their innings, despite the lack of encouragement in the weather, and flower trimming is rivalling plumes on hats designed for wear with muslins and other airy summer frocks. The spring was a season of wings and -beautiful manufactured wings and birds such as are scheduled in no work or ornithology, but are wonderfully lovely in coloring.

For a certain sort of hat the wings or the huge bird will be the chic trimming throughout the season, and for another



NET OVER FLOWERED SILE type of hat the swathing folds of silk and the big bow will be preeminently the correct thing; but these trimmings are too severe for the hat accompanying the diaphanous midsummer frock, and when ostrich plume make a hat too elaborate for such frocks

Leghorn is much liked for such a hat, the brims often having a two inch border of fine rice straw, or in some cases a broad binding of black or colored taffeta. A smooth facing of silk also appears upon

flowers and ribbon are best.

some of these light hats. Neapolitan is popular for the flower trimmed summer hat, and in place of the lingerie hat many milliners are showing models with full soft crowns of lingerie, of preferably of lace made from plateaus se scalloped edges form a small part of a wide flapping brim of Neapolitan. These hats have no bandeau and are trimmed in flowers and very wide soft ribbons-taffeta, messaline or moiré.

Huge roses, exquisite in coloring, are chief fioral favorites, but delicately shaded hydrangeas, morning glories, wistaria, &c., are effectively used. Lovely violets are having a decided vogue-great long stemmed double English violets, not bunched but applied in great loose, spraying clusters; with long stemmed, natural looking leaves mixed very liberally with the blossoms.

A charming model in pale blue straw had loose masses of such violets in all the violet shadings almost entirely covering the crown and showering out over the left side and back of the drooping brim, the only other trimming being a scarf of pale lavender folded around the crown.

The windmill hat, with wide brim worn tilted well to the side, and the hat turned up slightly in the front and drooping deeply at the back are pronounced favorites, and the wife brim sailor without bandeau and in soft dove gray and white, or in a darker

trimmed in big wings is monotonously prevalent, though elight variations in the color and adjustment of the wings and scarfs relieve the monotony. Apropos of these sailors, some excellent models have appeared in certain Fifth avenue houses, made in fine white straw and trimmed simply in scarfs and enormous bows of immensely wide pongee ribbon and pins with huge straw heads matching the ribbon in color—the soft blues, greens, browns and rose tints being the colors most favored.

Duck green and blue are combined in some of the smartest street hats, and one finds this color combination introduced upon many of the French frocks. For

gray and black, meets with the approval of French authorities And the mention of gray and white stripes

recalls to mind a little frock seen at Sherry's one day last week-a frock of marquisette in smoke gray and white quarter inch stripes. The skirt was plaited into the waistband in fine, pressed plaits and trimmed only in three wide applied tucks or folds, set on with narrow openwork stitch of heavy gray silk.

The bodice was draped in surplice fashion into a folded girdle of the marquisette and had the usual kimono sleeves. The hem on the surplice borders and on the

and a dull rose hat with shaded gray p u mes and gray scarf were worn.

Marquisette is perhaps the most triumphant of the summer frock materials, a majority of the lovellest sheer models from the famous makers being turned out in this material. Dotted, striped and other fancy marquisettes have their charm, but it'is in the plain one tone material that the best effects are obtained, since the fancy designs limit the trimming possibilities and call for a certain simplicity of detail.

The marquisette frock shown in the central out is the handsomest of a group of handsome imported models in this masleeves, which fell up little beyond the terial shown by a lower Broadway firm and

being filled in with marquisette embreidered n soutache.

Another model shown by the same firm and illustrating once more the effects obtained by using sheer material over figured foundations was the black net frock reproduced among the small pictures. Here

the material was a black net with a pattern of little square blocks. The lining was of soft, white satin finished silk, but over this was a silk mousseline or chiffon in rather wide black and white

stripes and with a deep floral border in many soft colors. A rather narrow black satin hem finished the outer skirt of net and above this almost to knee height the softly colored flower design of the border showed vaguely through the net, while the upper skirt and the bulk of the bodice showed the striping of the chiffon veiling. A deep bertha collar of handsome lace

bound in black satin fell over the shoulders and through it showed faintly the coloring of the colored border which was lightly draped under it and showed clearly between the collar points in front. A tucker of cream net and guimpe and sleeves of fine lace were bodice details.

The contrasting lining effects must be very skilfully arranged and often they add greatly to the cost of a frock, necessitating several inter veilings of chiffon in order that the proper results may be obtained. The self-tone lining is, as a rule, the safer choice and for a frock intended for general wear is preferable, though a white lining does give coolness and lightness to a sheer frock of sombre hue.

With frocks of sheer voile, marquisette, silk mousseline, &c., intended for visiting, carriage wear, &c., French makers are making enveloping capes or burnous cloaks in the thinnest of chiffon cloth and in exactly the shades of the frocks. These have



MARQUISETTE AND CLOTH

no trimming save large tassels on the hood drapery and are picturesque and graceful garments to throw over the filmy frocks when driving, or at out of door reunions such as races and polo.

The cloak is one of the most delightful features of the new modes and each day come new and attractive models. Just now one hears much of the chasuble coat in antique linen or tussor, falling straight front and back like a priestly vestment, open at the sides, and helped out over the shoulder and upper sleeve by a short cape sleeve. These coats are handsomely braided and trimmed in heavy thread brandenbourgs, and it is said they are to be all the rage for motor and carriage wear over summer frocks.

Paris correspondents write that khaki color is the favorite coat color of the mo ment, coats being made in khaki colored cloth or silk or in beige check or stripe with khaki collars and cuffs. One Paris fashion leader has launched a mode by wearing s tight fitting tailored coat of khaki cloth bordered in khaki taffeta over a zebra stripe skirt of khaki and white.

Fancy coats of heavy tussor, usually much braided, are worn over fluffy skirts of



CORAL MARQUISETTE.

silk muslin or other sheer stuff in stripes of white and the color used for the coat. Gray and white, Nattier blue and white, cassibrown and white are charming in such arrangement.

More long costume coats are being worn in Paris than here, both in the close fitting tailored style and in looser redingote effects but the caraco is still popular with Paristans, and some smart trotting suits lately launched have caraco coats in peau de suede matching a plain cloth skirt or skirt of check or stripe. Shaded browns from dark noisette to palest suede are very popular in cloths and suitings for street wear.

French makers employ peau de suede, too, for little waistcoats introduced in tailored costumes of stripe or check. Some of these suede waistcoats are embroidered in tiny sprigs; buttons are covered with leather and embroidered with a minute flower. Coral pink and certain rather dull but ex-

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quisitely soft shades of cerise and rose are exceedingly modish, and gray is often combined with these tones. The coral marquisette sketched for this page is a case in point, wide folds of gray taffets and a big equare bow of taffets trimming the bodice and giving a most effective touch of originality to the model.

In one of the rose shades just mentioned was a marquisette of fine white and rose stripes; and we have given a back view of this pretty frock because of the novel and smart arrangement of the fichu drapery in the back. Rose broadcloth was the chief trimming of this frock, and was applied in unusual fashion, having a out out design filled in with motifs of fine cream mousseline tucking and of Cluny lace.

Fichu drapery of one form and another is nuch used, the sheer soft stuffs in vogue lending themselves readily to such treat-ment, and the fichu folds carrying out admirably the long drooping shoulder effect

so insistently repeated.

Black and white striped chiffon voiles marquisettes, mousselines, &c., are being worn to a degree that threatens to make them common, but well made they furnish exceedingly practical and attractive little frocks. An especially good model of this type is pictured among the small outs, the most original detail of the model being the cut out design, buttonholed or heavily stitched around the cut edges with black floss. A white silk cord with a tiny cro-cheted button in its middle runs lengthwise across each of the cut out rectangles.

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Women as Floorwalkers.

From the London Daily Mail. Women are fast replacing men as shop-walkers in millinery and dress shops. In the large and fashionable West End drapers' the large and fashionable West End drapers' establishments the tall, imposing, frock coated man still reigns supreme as shop sentry, but in the smaller sheps all over London the woman "walker" is rapidly gaining ground. ing ground.

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The first American photographer was the silhouettist, and the early Americans went to him for their portraiture much as the modern American sits before the camera to-day. The earliest extant type of silhouette was found upon the Egyptian mummy cases and Etruscan pottery.

It passed down the generations until Mme. Pompadour had her profile made on a white ground by simply casting a shadow with a lamp. Then, according to the Journal of American Hislory, it immediately became the fashion throughout France to have one's profile &

la Pompadour. It was about this time that Etienne de Silbouette, Financial Minister of Louis XV., inaugurated his rigid system of economy which came so near to parsimony that his name was used as an appellation for everything cheap or shabby. The plain black profiles were so inexpensive and so common among all classes of people that the aristocracy finally exclaimed in disdain: "It's too Silhouette

The first silhouettist to begin business n America was Charles Wilson Peale in Philadelphia, more than a century ago. and here American society gathered to sit for portraits. The distinguished men of the day also patronized Peale, one of the most famous of his silhouettes being that

most famous of his silhouettes being that of George Washington.

One of the most noted silhouettists to come to America was James Hubard, an English youth of seventeen, who landed in New York under special management a few days after the arrival of Lafayette in 1824. He travelled about the country exhibiting his Hubard Gallery, in which for 50 cents the visitor was "entitled to see the exhibition, hear the concert and obtain a correct likeness by Master Hubard, cut with common soissors in a few seconds without the aid of drawing or machine." So lucrative seemed the new profession that many men entered it, not only profiting financially but also making the acquaintance of the exclusive families of the period. One of these was William Henry Brown. So adept did he become that, so it is said, with a single glance of the eye he could photograph on his memory a profile and figure and reproduce it months or even years afterward with absolute accuracy.

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The bodice was draped and trimmed in gray galon shot with silver. Guimpe and undersleeves were of cream lace with nar-row lines of rose at throat and cuff. Smoke

Museum at Municipal

GOW'N OF CASSIA BROWN MARQUISETTE AND SATIN DUCHESSE WITH A CAPE OF THE SATIN TRIMMED

WITH DYED FILET LACE.

or waistcoat of dull rose mouselline de

soie elaborately embroidered in shades

of smoke gray and edged by a line of smoke

gray, suede low shoes and hose to match

example, one charming model in the new, shoulders, were applied with openwork

heavy, white tuesor has a plain skirt and a stitch. The point of the surplice opening very original coat with kimono sleeves in front was filled in by a V shaped vest

very original coat with kimono sleeves

and a short waisted girdle running sharply

upward toward the back and confining a

fullness which falls in a coat skirt long and

The fronts do not meet, but are held in

place by a little waistcoat of duck green

silk embroidered in dull blue. A wide

band of the same coloring finishes the

wide short sleeve, and a velvet collar is of

blue velvet with a soft short soarf of duck

green silk drawn under it and falling in

the waistooat, sleeve and collar of a French

street costume of dark blue French serge.

Delightful touches of color enter into many

of the tailored street suits by way of the

A particularly pretty model in dark blue

French serge again had its coat and skirt braided in soutache matching the serge,

but was enlivened by a waistcoat of striped

rose and white linen, edged with black

Striped linens, by the way, are popular

for the tailored coat and skirt costumes

and, especially in black and white and in

brown and white, are prominent among the better class of ready made models.

The striped suitings are being somewhat

overdone, but the high class tailors con-

time to give individuality to their striped

models by the cleverness with which they

handle the stripes. A rather wide stripe

braid and buttoned with gold buttons.

same green and blue were used in

pointed in front but sloping unward toward

the back in line with the waist band.

full pointed tabs.

details of such a frock, but the picture will indicate the general lines and the original model may be seen by any one who cares to look it up. The material was in one of the soft light browns for which the French have so many names that differentiation is difficult though the importer hazarded an opinion that the tone was cassic, while his right hand

deserves careful study as an illustration

of the possibilities in a three piece model

of this type. It is out of the question to

reproduce accurately in a sketch the minute

saleswoman tilted her head doubtfully to one side and murmured "Noisette." For a foundation or lining the maker

had used a striped, satin finished silk in white and this same cassio brown. The skirt was laid into the band in little close plaits and was very full, but weighted down by a deep hem of brown satin duchesse. Above this were set little close ruches of marquisette following the irregular curving line of the hem top. Narrow bands of the satin duchesse ran down almost the full length of bodice and skirt front.

little ruches of marquisette soutache embroidery and bands of silk and the sleeves and guimpe were of cream net and lace. A picturesque cape of satin duchesse was the piece de resistance of the costume and was most elaborate in detail, being lavishly trimmed in inset motifs of marquisette intricately embroidered in soutache the same shade. Perhaps it would be more accurate to say that the cape was almost entirely in cutout work, the cutout design.